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1. There are two military barracks in Mlada Boleslav (OJL/ C 60). The locations of these barracks and the locations of other military and SME installations are shown on the attached drawing. An army unit is quartered in the old barracks, and an unidentified unit is quartered in the new casernes. Both units were in Prague taking part in the May military parades at the time of observation. [REDACTED]

- 25X1 2. On 30 April 1952, a three-ton, six-cylinder military truck, [REDACTED] Prague PII, [REDACTED] was observed bringing provisions to the new casernes.
- 25X1 3. On 1 May 1952, a parade was observed in Mlada Boleslav. Two military units marched in the parade. A group of 110 soldiers wore black shoulder boards bordered by a yellow stripe 1 cm wide. Another unit of 60 men wearing deep-red berets was preceded by a glider carried on a truck and followed by an open parachute of yellow-gray color with green spots carried by eight men.¹ About 200 enlisted men and 50 officers marched with the civilians in the parade. One third of the enlisted men wore black shoulder boards with red piping and crossed gun barrels; the remainder of the enlisted men wore black shoulder boards with black piping and tank insignia.²

- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment: The black epaulets with a yellow stripe indicate students of a reserve officers' school of either artillery, engineers, tanks, or chemical warfare. The deep-red berets are worn by parachute units only. The unit observed was probably a small detachment from the Niven training center (OJL/ F 95).

- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment: If the observation were accurate, it would indicate that enlisted men as well as officers wear a symbol of their rating on shoulder boards. It appears possible that the men with crossed barrels belonged to the 254th AT Artillery Battalion, last reported in Mlada Boleslav, and those with tanks belonged to an unidentified tank unit stationed either in Mlada Boleslav or in its vicinity.

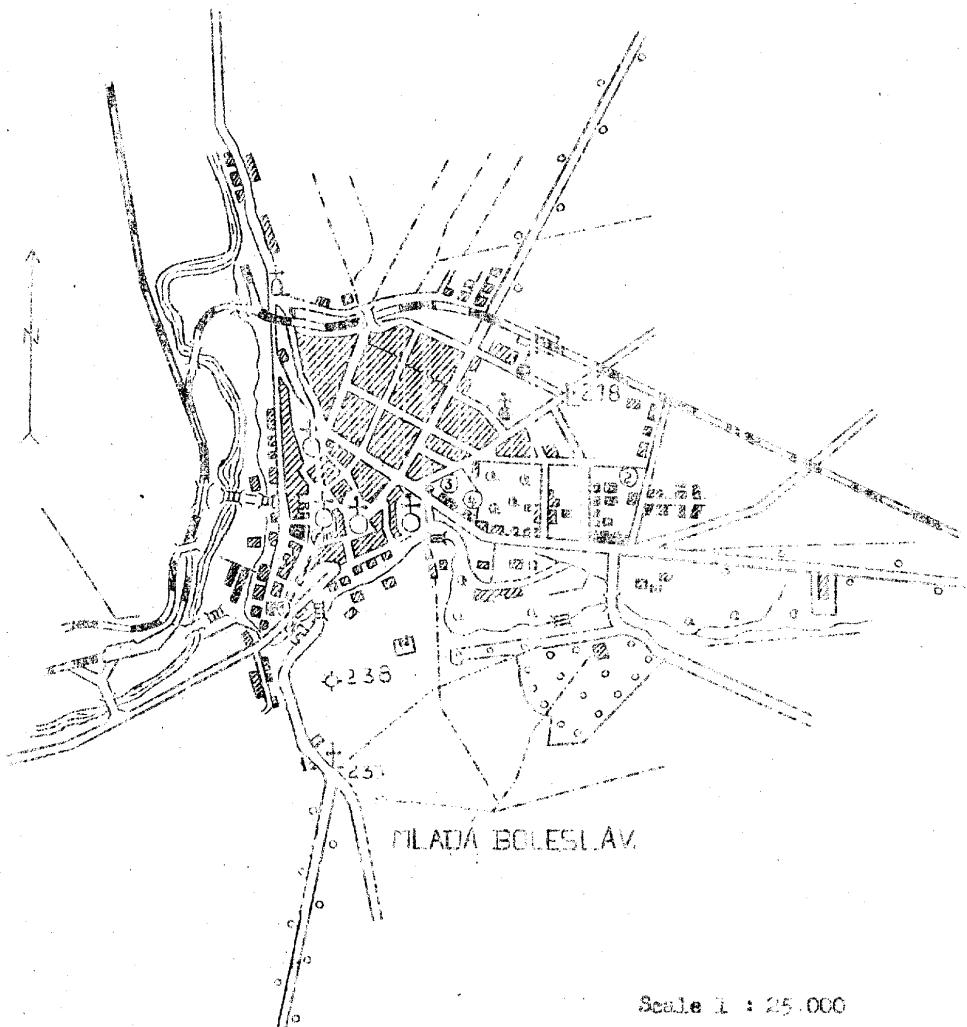
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APPENDIX 1



Legend:

- 1 - Old barracks (The Castle)
- 2 - New casernes
- 3 - Post Command
- 4 - Army social club
- 5 - District Hq of SNB

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